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MEMORANDUM FOR: Admiral Stansfield Turner  
DCI-Designate

FROM : E. H. Knoche, A/DCI

SUBJECT : Your Note of 7 March (Attached)

RE DCI'S PROPOSED STATEMENT ON HIS  
ALLEGED DIFFERENCE OF OPINION WITH VP ON  
CIVIL OR CRIMINAL SANCTIONS AGAINST LEAKERS.

I think this is probably overtaken by advice given you yesterday, but, for what it is worth, I offer the following opinion. I would delete all references to [ ] namely, the last two sentences of your proposed statement. I would replace those two sentences with something like this:

It seems to me the important thing is to have some form of control that will preserve the abilities of our intelligence sources and methods to give our Government the information it needs to keep the peace. By law, the Director of Central Intelligence is required to protect intelligence sources and methods from disclosure. Once our sources and methods are disclosed, it is a simple matter for hostile foreign powers to take countermeasures and render us blind and deaf. We cannot afford to let this happen. The problem is to find the balance in matching the needs for secrecy with the American tradition of openness.

[ ]  
E. H. Knoche

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cc: DDO

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Admiral Turner

Two points on the proposed response to possible inquiries about a "disagreement" between the Vice President and yourself:

1. As we discussed on Saturday morning I remain convinced that you should avoid being placed in the position of publicly disputing the Vice President, and you will be placed in that position by whatever response you make to the press. I hope, therefore, that the proposed response will be held for your use at the Sperling breakfast, if necessary, but any inquiries in the meantime would be referred to this office for handling (FYI: no press inquiries have been received on this subject since the Washington Post story on Saturday morning).

2. I suggest that the final two sentences be combined to read: "The important thing, on which we are agreed, is to have some form of legal control which will ensure against individuals publicizing classified information for their own ends."

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DDO and GC concur.

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cc: OGC  
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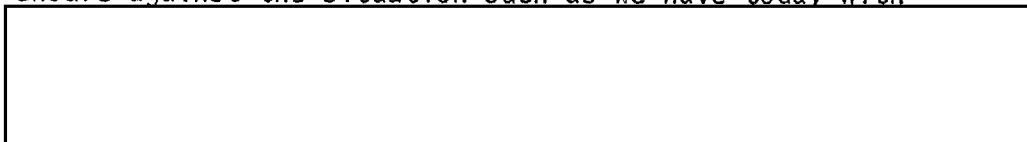
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